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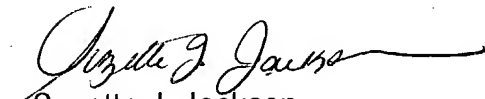
## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

1. The reply filed on 8/19/04 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Newly submitted claims 50-69 are directed to an invention that lacks unity with the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: Applicant's original claim 1 was directed towards an article in class 623/1.subclass 1.46 and new claims are directed towards methods of manufacture a stent coating class 427 subclass 2.24.
2. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
3. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 50-69 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a nonelected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.
4. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Suzette J. Jackson whose work schedule is Monday-Friday 9-6:30 off every other Friday and whose telephone number is 571-272-4751
6. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306.
7. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0858.

  
Suzette J. Jackson  
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